

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 15, 2009

Recreation Department

Present: Alderpersons Paul Lawrence, Sonny Swangstu, Rollie Odland, Carl Chenoweth and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch

Absent and Excused:

Guests: Giovanna Lazzaro

### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Swangstu at 6:02 PM.

### **2. Approval of Minutes for April 7, 2009**

*Motion by Odland, seconded by Swangstu, to approve the minutes from May 5, 2009. Motion passed 2-0.*

### **3. South St. Park and Roby/page Park Naming**

Giovanna Lazzaro and Lynch talked about the recent progress with the South St. Park project. A board of directors was created by the neighbors for the maintenance and future funding of the park. The Community Foundation has been set up to handle donations and be a possible grant option in the future.

Lazzaro, representing the board asked that the park land be named "Mill Pond Park", with the facility named as "Memory Garden". These names identify the area and help with future funding by those interested in donating to the project.

Chenoweth, a member of the board, brought a letter of request from the group for the name creations.

Motion by Chenoweth, seconded by Lawrence, to recommend to Council to name the South St. parkland "Mill Pond Park" with the facility to be named "Memory Garden". Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Chenoweth, seconded by Lawrence, to table naming the Roby/Page parkland. Motion passed 4-0.

### **4. Parks and Recreation CIP**

Lynch presented his CIP for review. He explained how the Finance Director thought it best for the time being to remove the speculative amounts for development of new parks until there is definite movement in those areas.

*Motion by Chenoweth, seconded by Lawrence to recommend that Finance approve the Parks and Recreation CIP. Motion passed 4-0.*

### **5. Lighting at Criddle Park**

A neighbor next to Criddle Park suggested that a light in Criddle Park would discourage people from staying late in the park unseen. Criddle has a history of higher vandalism than other parks. It is also one of the few parks without night time lighting. Cost estimates from Stoughton Utilities suggest the \$1300 would cover the installation of a pole, hook ups and security light.

*Motion made by Odland, seconded by Chenoweth to recommend to Finance/Council to approve funds to come from contingency for the purchase and installation of a security light in Criddle Park at a cost not to exceed \$1500. Motion passed 4-0.*

**6. Born Learning Center**

*Motion by Chenoweth, seconded by Lawrence to table this item until next meeting. Motion passed 4-0.*

**7. Community Gardens**

The committee asked staff to contact interested parties to discuss how they can help this project happen in the future.

**8. Grant Update**

Lynch reported that both grants submitted by the City to Dane County were denied as well as every other application due to budget restraints.

**9. Recreation Report**

For information only

**10. Future Agenda Items**

Park Impact Fees  
Born Learning Project  
Roby/Page Parkland

*Motion to adjourn at 7:14 by Lawrence, seconded by Swangstu. Motion passed 4-0.*

## **Items for Finance**

### **4. Parks and Recreation CIP**

Lynch presented his CIP for review. He explained how the Finance Director thought it best for the time being to remove the speculative amounts for development of new parks until there is definite movement in those areas.

*Motion by Chenoweth, seconded by Lawrence to recommend that Finance approve the Parks and Recreation CIP. Motion passed 4-0.*

## **Items for Council**

### **3. South St. Park and Roby/page Park Naming**

Giovanna Lazzaro and Lynch talked about the recent progress with the South St. Park project. A board of directors was created by the neighbors for the maintenance and future funding of the park. The Community Foundation has been set up to handle donations and be a possible grant option in the future.

Lazzaro, representing the board asked that the park land be named "Mill Pond Park", with the facility named as "Memory Garden". These names identify the area and help with future funding by those interested in donating to the project.

Chenoweth, a member of the board, brought a letter of request from the group for the name creations.

Motion by Chenoweth, seconded by Lawrence, to recommend to Council to name the South St. parkland "Mill Pond Park" with the facility to be named "Memory Garden". Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Chenoweth, seconded by Lawrence, to table naming the Roby/Page parkland. Motion passed 4-0.